

## Message Text

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INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 IO-13 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-01 INR-07  
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R 021815Z MAR 77  
FM AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3524  
INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA  
AMEMBASSY MANAGUA  
AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE  
AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PFOR, OAS, ES, HO, PBOR  
SUBJECT: EL SALVADOR/HONDURAS BORDER DISPUTE

DURING CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER THIS MORNING HE MENTIONED  
THAT OAS SECGEN ORFILA WAS IN TEGUCIGALPA AND WOULD BE  
ARRIVING IN SAN SALVADOR THIS EVENING. I ASKED HIM WHEN  
THE GOES EXPECTED TO RATIFY MEDIATION AGREEMENT SIGNED IN  
OCTOBER AND HE RESPONDED THAT THEY EXPECTED IT TO GO  
TO LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR RATIFICATION NEXT WEEK. HE ADDED THAT  
SINCE UNDER THE CURRENT STATE OF SIEGE THE CONSTITUTIONAL  
ARTICLE GUARANTEEING FREEDOM OF THE PRESS IS SUSPENDED,  
THE GOES IS CONCERNED THAT THEY MIGHT BE CRITICIZED FOR RATIFYING  
THE MEDIATION AGREEMENT WHEN PRESS COMMENTS COULD NOT BE DIRECTED  
AGAINST THEM. I SUGGESTED THAT THE SUSPENSION OF  
THE PARTICULAR CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLE REFERRING TO PRESS FREEDOM  
MIGHT POSSIBLY BE LIFTED WITHOUT ANY RISK TO THE PUBLIC ORDER.  
HE AGREED THAT IT WAS A GOOD IDEA AND WOULD PROPOSE IT TO  
THE PRESIDENT. AT ANY RATE, HE ADDED, THE PRESS HERE  
IS VERY QTE COOPERATIVE UNQUOTE. HE  
COMMENTED THAT IN ALL THE DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING THE BORDER  
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DISPUTE WITH HONDURAS THE TECHNICIANS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE  
BORDER, I.E., LEGAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL ADVISERS, HAVE  
ALWAYS TAKEN THE NEGATIVE POSITION ON ANY EFFORTS BY THE  
TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS TO RESOLVE THE QUESTION.  
IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION ON THE COST OF THE CONTINUED  
FAILURE TO RESOLVE THE CONFLICT THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT  
THE COST OF THE OAS OBSERVERS WAS INSIGNIFICANT COMPARED TO

ECONOMIC LOSSES WHICH THE CONTINUING DISPUTE REPRESENTED.  
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